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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

W. L. SOUTER MODERATOR.
F. M. FERRELL CLERK.
N. M. BERRY TREASURER.

Executive Committee.

J. L. Byers, J. L. Ferguson, J. H. Fuller, J. Robbins,
W. S. Wooten, A. N. Singleton, N. M. Berry, P. F. Gools-
by, W. B. Dickson, W. L. Souther, J. M. McGraw, B. J. Cald-
well, A. D. Hale, K. C. Morgan, S. C. Darden, J. Coltharp,
J. C. Robbins, G. W. Sibley, Wiley Robbins, J. H. Dodds,
W. Gillen, J. D. Hughes, J. B. Robbins, J. W. Adams, J. H.
Rhea, Joe Sullivan, J. H. Morgan, E. V. Seals, G. E. Mur-
phy, W. McDaniel, W. H. Mitchell, J. W. Boatright, F. M.
Ferrell, W. J. Jeter, J. L. Calfee, Geo. Whittington.

Standing Committees.

State Mission—W. P. Winter.
Mississippi College and Education—J. R. Sumner.
Foreign Mission—J. T. Pitts.
Sabbath Schools—W. R. Farrow.
Prohibition—J. A. Rogers.
Documents and Publication—J. L. Ferguson.
Credentials and State of Religion—J. B. Reed, E. D.
Stephens, C. Coleman, B. J. Caldwell.

Next Session.

Place—Macedonia.
Time—Tuesday after second Sabbath in September, 1891.
Introductory Sermon—J. R. Sumner; G. E. Murphy,
alternate.

PROCEEDINGS.

The CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION met with Midway Church in its Fifty-first session on Tuesday, September 16, 1890, at 11 a. m.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. P. Winter. Text: Phil. 2: 12 and 13. Subject—The Working out of Salvation.

After sermon was dismissed until 1:30 p. m.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 1:30.

Moderator read the 84th Psalm. Prayer by H. L. Finley.

The following were enrolled as delegates from the churches:

Abbeville—J. W. Davis, J. L. Furguson, G. A. Logan.

Amaziah—L. M. Baker, J. P. Dean, W. B. West, J. Garrison.

Bay Springs—J. Taylor, J. Littlejohn, J. H. Fuller, R. D. Roberts.

Bethel, (L. C.)—W. J. Beard, W. M. Watts, J. V. Hodge.

Bethel, (U. C.)—G. J. Robbins, J. S. Dyson, W. C. Thomas, J. H. Robbins.

Bluff Springs—J. J. Carter, A. N. Singleton, W. H. Miller.

Cherry Creek—J. T. Pitts, D. C. M. Bigham, N. M. Berry, V. B. Tucker.

Cypress Creek—P. F. Goolsby, J. M. Sparks, W. C. Barry, H. U. Parks, alternate.

Duncan Creek—U. C. Nowlen, N. M. Wells, J. H. Shumaker.

Fredonia—C. G. Sexton, B. F. Smith, I. T. Buchanan.

Friendship—T. R. Black, J. R. Hill, J. S. Duncan.

Liberty—W. J. Ball, T. D. Brandon, B. J. Caldwell.

Macedonia—W. J. Rhea, J. T. Beard, G. A. Darden, J. L. Swain.

Midway—W. C. Gilbert, J. Buse, G. W. Alford.

Mt. Pisgah—J. A. Beard, N. Tucker, W. N. Swain, W. I. Hancock.

Mt. Pleasant—Isaac Smith, G. W. Potter, J. R. Sumner, J. T. Coleman.
 Myrtle—J. Coltharp, A. C. West.
 New Albany—H. Marshall, L. R. Kenedy, J. C. Robbins.
 New Hope—N. J. Weaver, G. Winfield, J. Smith.
 New Prospect—J. R. Warren, W. L. James, J. J. Hanson.
 Old Oak Grove—W. C. Gillen, H. A. Day, S. H. Stewart.
 Oak Grove—J. C. Swain.
 Philadelphia—W. R. Farrow, M. D. Wait, J. W. Adams, H. C. Johnson.
 Piney Grove—T. Gorley, E. M. Fooshee, B. Anderson.
 Pleasant Hill—J. B. Robbins, P. H. Shelton, J. S. Brooks.
 Poplar Springs—W. B. Coleman, L. Davis, C. Coleman, C. Hughes.
 Salem—J. H. Morgan, J. J. Johnson, W. P. Rhew, J. A. Raffield.
 Shady Grove—C. Baker, E. V. Seals, W. R. Dyson, J. A. Rogers.
 Shiloh—G. U. Hampton, T. S. Vines, G. E. Murphy.
 Spring Hill—R. A. Wells, J. M. Smith, C. Carter.
 Spring Creek—A. J. Gains, J. T. Brown, H. C. Blaylock, J. Bonds.
 Temperance Hill—J. M. Shedract, N. J. Harrell, J. W. Boatright.
 Toccopola—F. M. Ferrell, R. M. Bell, G. W. Souter.
 Turn-Pike—W. J. Jeter, O. R. Souter, J. F. Haney.
 Union—P. P. Watts, A. E. Harwell, W. B. Moreland, A. C. Watts.
 Zion Hill—J. W. Tate, M. C. Whittington, L. Smith, J. Pain.

On motion, Bro. J. C. Swain, present without letter, was received as delegate from Oak Grove Church.

The Association proceeded to elect officers. Frank Souter and J. T. Christian were asked to act as tellers of election. The following were elected: W. L. Souter, Moderator; E. M. Ferrell, Clerk; N. M. Berry, Treasurer.

The Association engaged with Elder Isaac Smith in prayer. On motion, the Order of Business of last year was adopted:

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Call for Correspondence.
3. Call for Reports of Standing Committees.
4. State Mission.
5. Mississippi College and Education.
6. Foreign Mission.
7. Report of Executive Committee.

8. Sabbath Schools.
9. Prohibition.
10. State of Religion.
11. Documents and Publication.
12. Report on Finance.
13. Treasurer's Report.
14. Determine Place of next Session.
15. Elect Minister to preach Introductory Sermon.
16. Appoint Correspondence.
17. Appoint Standing Committees.
18. General Business.

The following Committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed: J. C. Robbins, R. A. Wells, J. H. Fuller, with the Deacons of Midway church.

On motion, the Association meet at 8:30 a. m., spend half an hour in devotional exercise, adjourn at 11 a. m.; meet at 1:30 p. m., adjourn at will.

The following correspondents were received:

- J. T. Christian, Convention Board.
- J. B. Gambrell, Mississippi College and Baptist Record.
- Sister M. J. Nelson, Woman's Work.
- E. L. Wesson, Oxford Association.
- H. L. Finley, Tippah Association.
- R. A. Cooper, Aberdeen Association.
- Frank Souter, Aberdeen Association.

On motion, the report on State Missions was made special order for Wednesday, 10 a. m.

On motion, the report on Mississippi College and Education was made special order for Wednesday 1:30 p. m.

Adjourned. Prayer by T. J. Gorley.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 8:30 a. m. Devotional exercise conducted by E. L. Wesson. Minutes of First Day read and approved.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

FINANCE—H. D. Blaylock, J. S. Duncan, J. B. Reed.

NOMINATION—B. J. Caldwell, W. B. Dickson, G. U. Hampton.

On motion, the report on Foreign Missions was deferred

until after the discussion of the report on Mississippi College and Education, and a committee was appointed to prepare a report on Foreign Missions.—G. W. Porter, Committee.

The following report on Sabbath Schools was read by J. W. Boatright. Remarks by J. B. Gambrel, J. W. Boatright, J. L. Furguson, W. N. Swain, G. W. Potter.

On motion, the report was adopted.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to report the following: After using all the means in my power to ascertain the strength of the Sunday Schools in the bounds of this Association, I find the following:

CHURCHES,	LITERATURE.	Officers.	Teachers.	Students.
Abbeville	Kind Words	6	3	40
Bethel L. C.	Union	2	2	...
Cherry Creek	A. B. P. S. and Kind Words ..	3	6	65
Mt. Pisgah	Union	2	3	60
Mrytle	Kind Words	3	5	75
New Albany	A. B. P. Society	2	5	108
Philadelphia	A. B. P. Society	3	4	85
Spring Creek	Bible Only	2	1	30
Toccopola	Kind Words	2	4	20
Temperance Hill ..	Kind Words	4	3	35
Friendship	A. B. P. Society	2	4	30
Macedonia	A. B. P. Society	1	2	30
Bay Springs	A. B. P. Society	3	4	71
Liberty	A. B. P. Society	2	5	61
Mt. Pleasant				75
Poplar Springs ...	A. B. P. Society	2	2	60

There are only sixteen Sabbath Schools and about nine hundred students, making about one-third of the Baptists in the Sabbath Schools and we have an influence over four times as many as there are members in the church. Leaving about one-twelfth only of the Baptist family in the Sabbath Schools of to-day.

This is not a very good showing for our Association, but from reports to me it is the best I can get out of them. Brethren, is not this enough to cause us to think of how

much one of the great helps to our church is languishing? And if Baptist churches of the next generation are largely in our Sunday Schools of to-day, we should pay more attention to them than we are, or ever have, and religious instruction is of vital importance to the young. Should we not see that they get the instruction and that of the right kind? This is a time of doctrinal unrest and much is taught we do not want our children to believe.

We should teach ourselves every Sunday, all through the week the pure Bible doctrine. I would recommend that each pastor in this Association use his utmost ability to organize a Sunday School in every church or place at which he preaches, as I think it a means of grace of great value to our people, both old and young.

I recommend first, Kind Words literature as helps in the study of the Bible. The Kind Words, literature is a Southern Baptist production, gotten up by the Southern Baptist Convention; does not cost the Convention anything, and when we use Kind Words, we help the Convention and thereby help ourselves. Secondly, American Baptist Publishing Society.

Your committee recommend that you pass suitable resolutions requesting the churches to send up statistics of school in letter, so your next committee can report correctly about the school without so much time and expense. Brethren, please organize a Sunday School if you do not have but six scholars, and be sure and teach Bible doctrine and use Baptist literature only.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BOATWRIGHT.

The Report on State Mission was read by C. W. Smith, Discussed by J. T. Christian, J. B. Gambrell, C. W. Smith, H. L. Finley.

Adjourned. Sermon by J. T. Christian.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30. Prayer by J. B. Gambrell.

The Report on Mississippi College and Education was read by R. A. Cooper.

Remarks by R. A. Cooper, J. B. Gambrell, G. W. Potter, Frank Souter, C. W. Smith.

On motion the report was adopted.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND EDUCATION.

Education is not salvation. No amount of literary or men-

tal culture can bring salvation. Education is power—power for good or evil. For good in proportion to the grace of God bestowed upon the soul. For evil in proportion to the heart's destitution of God's grace. As the body is worth more than the clothes which it wears, so is the soul more valuable than the body with which it is clothed. In view of the above truths, it is a duty to educate our children, and an obligation, a sacred obligation to give them a Christian education. "A sacred obligation" cannot be lightly set aside—it must be met. Therefore if we had no christian institution of learning, it would be our imperative duty to arise at once and build. But thanks to a kind Providence, we have, our Mississippi College with its Christly President, W. S. Webb, assisted by an able corps of teachers of marked personal piety and devotion to God. Mississippi College is a blessing not only to the Baptists of Mississippi but to all Mississippi and the world. If there is anything for which Mississippi Baptists should be devoutly thankful, it is Mississippi College. If there is any care that we should accept with loving hearts and faithful hands it is Mississippi College. The path of the College has not been upon flowery beds of ease. Like a faithful mother she has toiled half-fed and half-clothed. The labors of such mothers will sooner or later be rewarded. So there is a bright day for Mississippi College. She was never stronger in the affections of the people than to-day. A year ago the Education Society proposed to give \$5,000 for endowment on condition that the Baptists of Mississippi raised \$45,000. The proposition was accepted. While the last of the \$45,000 was being raised at our Convention, the Society proposed a second time if we would raise \$7,500, it would give \$2,500. This is a more liberal gift than the first.

All hail to Bro. J. B. Grambrell, through whose leadership such things have been reached. Let us march close up in the footsteps of our leader.

Your Committee would offer three recommendations:

First—That the College management be urged to introduce into the regular curriculum text-books on Baptist Faith and Practice and Baptist History.

Second—That our churches be urged to respond promptly and cheerfully to the Education Society's second proposition.

Third—That we all remember that the money given for endowment can not be safely invested the day it is received by the Board of Trustees—that there will be no income within a year of such investment. Therefore, we should by

our contributions provide for the annual expenses until there is sufficient endowment.

R. A. COOPER.

Adjourned. Prayer by C. W. Smith.

THURSDAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 8:30. Devotional exercise conducted by C. W. Smith.

On motion, the report on State Missions was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee gladly reports the grand work is going on whether we help much or not.

I see that the nine hundred and twenty-three churches of our State Convention have given to the Lord's cause last year, nearly sixty-four thousand dollars; we ought to give at least an average of one dollar per member, which would give about eighty thousand dollars into the Lord's treasury. We are glad to note that notwithstanding the several drawbacks the Board, with our noble Secretary, has succeeded in paying all indebtedness and come out with thirty dollars in the treasury. But after all there is in the State great destitution; in the language of Bro. Gardner "we call special attention to the Mississippi Valley" and several unoccupied towns in the State.

Brethren, let's give our Board the money and they will take this State for Christ. There are three thousand brethren and sisters who make up the Chickasaw Association, and we collected for State Missions last Conventional year, the reusing sum of \$92.60, and notwithstanding all this Bro. Christian kindly suggested that we ought to give for this year \$1400.00 for Mission purposes. *Oh, Lord revive us!* We give a statistical table of the work done last year.

Number of Missionaries.....	55
Days of actual service.....	4,702
Miles traveled.....	43,583
Stations occupied.....	399
Sermons and addresses delivered....	2,705
Prayer Meetings attended.....	760
Families visited for religious purposes.....	4,807
Number of baptisms.....	558
Number received by letter.....	270
Number restored.....	116
Total number of additions.....	957

Churches organized.....	7
Sunday Schools organized.....	85
Officers, scholars and teachers in same.....	4,231
Pages of tracts distributed.....	29,963
Subscribers to Record and other purposes.....	1,622
Money collected on field by Missionaries.....	\$ 3,332 00
Money collected by Missionaries for Missions.....	\$ 1,540 00
Houses of worship built.....	24
Houses of worship repaired.....	9
Value of same estimated at.....	\$ 19,676 00
Number of books circulated.....	1,046
Sunbeam Societies organized.....	8
Woman's Missionary Societies organized.....	44
Woman's Missionary Societies attended.....	84

We must mention the noble work of Sister Nelson. She is doing a grand work in the State.

Your committee would recommend that the sisters in all of our churches organize themselves into Missionary Societies, and thus work till Jesus comes. Let us work while it is called to-day for the night of death cometh "when no man can work."

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SMITH.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by G. W. Potter. Remarks by G. W. Potter, W. J. Jeter, G. A. Darden, J. B. Gambrell, C. W. Smith, Frank Souter, N. M. Berry. On motion the report was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In a certain sense all Missions are Foreign Missions. All men who are not children of adoption by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are strangers to God and aliens from the commonwealth of Israel. Every gospel appeal to an unregenerate man is an appeal to a foreigner, and every minister who makes such an appeal is doing part of the work of a Foreign Missionary.

But in a more specific sense, foreign work is work done in far-off regions. There are immense fields where no gospel instruction has as yet been given. There are millions of living souls in the world who have not yet heard and of course do not yet know that there is any gospel, but we know there is a way of life for the lost. We must remember that these strangers to God and gospel truth are our brethren in the flesh. They have souls and need the gospel and must have it or die in their sins and be lost for-

ever. We need to know and feel that it is our duty to furnish them a knowledge of the true God and the way of eternal life. It occurs to me that our people generally need to know more fully, and to feel more powerfully their duty and responsibility in reference to this part of our work. We will not find any more efficient way of bringing our people up to a higher standard of mission work than for our ministers to imbibe more fully the spirit of this work and become earnest in their efforts in bringing this work before the churches. The reports from the different churches composing this Association, show that but a small per cent. of them are doing anything for the Foreign Mission work; only 11 of the 39 churches made contributions during the past year. The entire amount being \$124.99.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. POTTER.

Adjourned. Prayer by R. A. Cooper. Sermon by J. B. Gambrell.

— EVENING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 1:30. Prayer by J. L. Furguson.

Secretary of the Executive Committee made the following report.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report that soon after our appointment we met and organized by electing Elder J. R. Sumner, President.

At the same time we employed Bro. Sumner for all his time as missionary colporteur. He continued in the service until the last of March, charging the Board only with the time actually employed. Owing to the unfavorable prospects consequent upon the failure of crops last year it was thought advisable to accept Bro. Sumner's resignation which was tendered at the meeting on the 5th Sunday in March. Since then the Board has met on Saturday before each 5th Sunday. At each meeting collections were taken as you will see from the Treasurer's report. We recommend your future Board to meet on Saturday before each 5th Sunday, and that all earnestly pray and work for a true spirit of missions to be revived in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Sec'y.

The report on State of Religion was read by F. M. Ferrell.

On motion, the report was adopted.

STATE OF RELIGION.

There has been a revival in many of the churches of the Association. The Lord has been with us to bless.

The number of baptisms reported is 186.

Evidently the Lord is working in our midst manifesting his readiness to co-operate with His people. That the number is not as large as it should be, considering the many among us yet unsaved, is very apparent. Yet for these we are glad and thank God for His goodness.

But according to the report of work done, as shown by the letters from the churches, there has not been that advance in the divine life that should be. There has not been the increase in spiritual strength, the development of spiritual stature, that the blessings we receive demand.

The fruit is not enough for us to conclude that we are making much progress in godliness. We have not enough of the spirit of our Master. We are impressed that our success is far short of what our facilities justify us to expect. We manifestly need a greater consecration.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FERRELL, For Committee.

The report on Documents and Publications was read by J. H. Morgan. Remarks by J. B. Gambrell, C. W. Smith, H. L. Finley.

On motion the report was adopted.

DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATION.

Your Committee would recommend

First—That the programme of the annual meeting of the 1st and 2d Districts of our Association be printed in the minutes.

Second—That the Southern Baptist Record, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field and the Baptist and Reflector be commended to the consideration of the brotherhood.

Third—That the Kind Words series and the Sabbath School Literature of the American Baptist Publication Society are worthy of our confidence and patronage. That the Convention Board Quarterly be read by the brethren of the Association.

That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution

of the proceedings of this session and that he be paid ten dollars for his services.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. MORGAN.

The report on Finance was read by H. D. Blalock.
On motion the report was adopted.

Your Committee on Finance find the following amounts for minutes.

Abbeville.....	\$ 0 75	New Prospect.....	\$ 0 50
Amaziah.....	1 00	Oak Grove.....	1 00
Bay Springs.....	70	Old Oak Grove.....	50
Bethel, L. C.....	1 00	Poplar Springs.....	65
Bethel, U. C.....	1 00	Pleasant Hill.....	1 00
Bluff Springs.....	1 20	Philadelphia.....	1 60
Cherry Creek.....	3 85	Piney Grove.....	35
Cypress Creek.....	1 00	Salem.....	70
Duncan Creek.....	60	Shady Grove.....	30
Friendship.....	80	Shiloh.....	1 60
Fredonia.....	50	Spring Hill.....	75
Liberty.....	2 00	Spring Creek.....	1 20
Mt. Pleasant.....	1 85	Temperance Hill.....	85
Mt. Pisgah.....	2 00	Toccopola.....	1 20
Midway.....	70	Turn Pike.....	10
Macedonia.....	1 70	Union.....	75
Myrtle.....	50	Zion Hill.....	40
New Albany.....	2 00		
New Hope.....	1 25	Total.....	\$37 85

Respectfully submitted,
H. D. BLAYLOCK,
J. B. REED,
J. S. DUNCAN,
Committee.

The Treasurer made the following report:
On motion the report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer,

In Account with Chickasaw Association :

1889.

Sept. 11—To cash on hand as per last report.....	\$ 10 23
28—To cash from Amaziah church, F. M.....	2 15
28—To cash from New Albany church, F. M..	1 50

Sept.	28—To cash from New Albany church, H. M.	1 50
	28—To cash from New Hope church, H. M.	4 85
	28—To cash from Friendship church, H. M.	1 30
Oct.	28—To cash from New Albany church	24 34
Nov.	8—To cash from Piney Grove church	1 25
	12—To cash from Liberty church	5 75
Dec.	9—To cash from Fredonia church	2 15
	9—To cash from Cherry Creek church	10 00
	28—To cash from Collection Board meeting	10 00
1890.		
Jan.	9—To cash from Cherry Creek (bal. Liberty fund)	2 18
	9—To cash from Cherry Creek, L. M. S.	13 90
Feb.	4—To cash from Cherry Creek	23 50
	5—To cash from Liberty	6 85
	10—To cash from Toccopola	14 70
	14—To cash from Cherry Creek endowment	110 00
	14—To cash from Cherry Creek, L. M. S., F. M.	15 00
Mar.	16—To cash from New Albany	28 00
	17—To cash from Philadelphia	1 00
	24—To cash from Mt. Pleasant, State M.	4 25
	24—To cash from Mt. Pleasant, F. M.	4 00
	24—To cash from Mt. Pleasant, Asso'nal M.	7 95
Apr.	1—To cash from Mollie Robbins	2 05
	1—To cash from A. J. Harald	25
	1—To cash from D. A. Gregory	25
	1—To cash from R. D. Roberts	25
	1—To cash from J. R. Sumner	25
	1—To cash from J. W. Boatwright	25
	1—To cash from Pleasant Hill	4 15
	1—To cash from Pleasant Hill, L. M. S.	25
	1—To cash from J. C. Morgan	25
	1—To cash from Bethel (L. Co.)	8 30
	1—To cash from Cherry Creek, L. M. S., F. M.	6 80
	1—To cash from Cherry Creek, L. M. S., endowment	11 45
	1—To cash from Cherry Creek church, endowment	43 90
	16—To cash from Liberty church, Asso'nal M.	2 70
	28—To cash from Cherry Creek endowment	10 00
	28—To cash from Cherry Creek S. S. Min. Ed.	6 25
	28—To cash from Cherry Creek, N. M. Berry	5 00
	28—To cash from Cherry Creek, N. M. Berry, F. M.	5 00
May	5—To cash from New Albany church, Mississippi College	9 67

May	5—To cash from New Albany church, Min. Education.....	9 68
	9—To cash from sale of book to Bro. J. T. Pitts.....	10 35
	15—To cash from Cherry Creek, L. M. S., Min. Education.....	5 00
	15—To cash from Cherry Creek, E. M. Stephens, F. M.....	5 00
	15—To cash from Cherry Creek, W. R. Spencer, F. M.....	3 00
June	15—To cash from Cherry Creek, Sun Beams, F. M.....	5 60
	15—To cash from Cherry Creek, L. M., S. S. M.....	2 00
	20—To cash from Friendship church, endowment.....	2 70
	30—To cash from Temperance Hill, collection 5th Sunday.....	17 85
July	8—To cash from Friendship, endowment....	1 25
	12—To cash from Friendship, endowment....	1 00
Sept.	6—To cash from Board meeting, Pleasant Hill.....	6 10
	6—To cash from Cherry Creek, endowment..	2 00
	12—To cash from Spring Hill church, F. M....	1 15
	17—To cash from Spring Creek, L. M. S., T. M.....	6 00
	17—To cash from Spring Creek, L. M. S., H. M.....	2 00
	17—To cash from Friendship, La. Corn.....	55
	17—To cash from Toccopola church.....	1 15
	17—To cash from Poplar Springs church, F. M.....	5 00
	17—To cash from Poplar Springs church, S. M.....	1 00
	17—To cash from W. R. Spencer, C. C. Association M.....	1 00
	17—To cash from K. C. Morgan, Asso'nal M..	50
	18—To cash from Bay Springs, F. M.....	1 14
	18—To cash from Spring Creek, Asso'nal M....	1 85
	Total.....	\$575 74

CREDITS.

1889.

Sept. 26—By cash paid Bro. Winter, balance salary to date.....	\$ 25 40
Oct. 29—By cash paid Am. Bap. Pub. Society.....	30 00
29—By cash paid Reg. fee on do.....	12
30—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian.....	24 34

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Jan.	3—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian.....	10 00
	6—By cash paid Am. Bap. Pub. Society.....	24 55
	9—By cash paid freight on books.....	1 17
	10—By cash paid Bro. Winter.....	14 70
	14—By cash paid Bro. Griffith, endowment, C. C. church.....	110 00
	14—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian, F. M....	15 00
	18—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian (not through my hands).....	28 00
Apr.	10—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian, F. M....	13 20
	10—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian, S. M....	4 25
	10—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian, endow- ment.....	42 50
	10—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian, L. M. S., C. C.	11 45
	16—By cash paid Bro. J. R. Sumner	2 70
	28—By cash paid Bro. Winter, bal. salary, 1889	16 95
	29—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian.....	21 00
May	5—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian.....	19 35
	15—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian.....	13 00
June	15—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian.....	7 60
July	7—By cash paid Bro. J. R. Sumner	28 00
	7—By cash paid Bro. J. T. Christian.....	20 00
Sept.	6—By cash paid Bro. J. R. Sumner	6 10
	18—By amount on hand to balance	26 36
Total.....		\$575 74

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer.

September 18, 1890.

Committee on Nomination made the following report:
Your Committee on Nomination would report Toccopola
as place of holding our next meeting; Elder J. R. Sumner
to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder G. E. Murphy,
alternate.
B. J. CALDWELL, Chr'n Committee.

Several amendments were offered to place of meeting.
After several ballots the report was amended by substituting
Macedonia.

On motion, the report as amended was adopted.

On motion, a synopsis of the proceedings of the ladies
meetings held during the session be printed in the minutes:

MIDWAY CHURCH, Sept. 16, 1890.

A large audience of ladies was addressed at 2 p. m. by
Mrs. M. J. Nelson, State Missionary.

Exercises were opened by reading a portion of scripture and prayer.

Sister Nelson explained to the ladies the work they are asked to do, referring to 8th chap. 1st Cor., 1st chap. James, insisting that a willingness to do, and a prayerful study of the scripture is the secret of this work.

The result of the two days meeting with the ladies was the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society with eleven members. Mrs. I. J. Johnson, President; Miss Gus-sie Johnson, Secretary.

On motion, C. W. Smith was appointed delegate to South-ern Baptist Convention; S. C. Darden, alternate.

The following standing committees were appointed:

STATE MISSIONS - W. P. Winter.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND EDUCATION—J. R. Sumner.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. T. Pitts.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—W. R. Farrow.

PROHIBITION—J. A. Rogers.

DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS—J. L. Ferguson.

CREDENTIALS AND STATE OF RELIGION—J. B. Reed, E. D. Stephens, C. Coleman, B. J. Caldwell.

On motion, the report on Prohibition of last year was adopted.

PROHIBITION.

It is a fact, that in the time of our Saviour's ministry evil spirits or devils entered into and held possession of men.

We read in Luke 4: 33, 34, that when these demons saw Jesus approaching they recognized him, and knowing the resistlessness of His power, they cried out with a loud voice, saying: "Let us alone," etc. This was their plea for social liberty. They did not believe in prohibition. The liberty, which the demons of old claimed, was not liberty to do as they pleased with themselves, but the liberty to do as they pleased with other beings. This liberty the Saviour denied them. It is a similar liberty we deny the manufactures and dealers in intoxicating liquors. Now, what is liberty? I know in the widest sense it is freedom from all restraint. The savage in his wild and uncivilized condition has such a liberty.

In society liberty is not to do as each individual pleases, but to do that which society allows. It is liberty regulated by law. It leaves a man free to do anything not incon-sistent with the public good. Society has a right to claim from every one, that he shall be the best, purest, strongest,

being physically, mentally and spiritually, he can become or make himself.

Prohibition protects individual life and property.

Liberty interposes its prohibition against whatever tends to destroy society. The law demands that there shall be among men, an accommodation to each other's needs dangers and duties. No man has a right to pursue a calling or profession, or to make any use of his property that shall put in jeopardy the safety of property, lives or morals of others. Now, what does the liquor traffic demand? You know that it demands the protection of the law. Ought it to have this protection? Is it a well-doer, or an evil doer? Does it promote the interest of man, or is it an enemy to it? Does any man need any evidence as to its nature, character and results?

I take from a leaflet the following, and submit it as evidence of the work it is doing: There are nearly 1,000,000 drunkards in the United States, and 3,000,000 women and children are suffering disgrace and poverty on account of their drunkenness. Nearly 100,000 men die every year and go to drunkard's graves.

You know what 1st Cor. 6:10 says about drunkards. The Federal Government receives about \$80,000,000 revenue yearly from the manufacture of all kinds of liquors, and the States receive \$20,000,000 more for licenses, making a total revenue of \$100,000,000 a year. So the Government receives \$1,000 on every man who dies a drunkard. The debit side is startling in its immensity. Statistics show that \$900,000,000 are annually spent for intoxicating drinks, while to this vast sum must be added the proportionate criminal and pauper expenses, jails, reformatories, prisons, insane asylums and poorhouses; also the expenditure of public and private charitable organizations, of extra legislation, court, police and other officers, and finally, the loss of time and injury to health and life. All this is estimated at \$600,000,000, making the awful total of one billion and a half annually.

Brother, do you wink at this awful traffic?

There are 25,000,000 moderate and immoderate drinkers and drunkards in the United States, which may be classed as follows: 17,000,000 immoderate drinkers; 1,000,000 drunkards; more than 3,000,000 profess to be christians. Stop all moderate drinking and five years there will be no drunkards, and the 250,000 liquor saloons in the United States will be closed. Moderate drinking leads to immoderate, and immoderate drinking makes drunkards.

Oh, Brethren, every church that upholds moderate drinking, upholds making drunkards and sending souls to hell—

1st Pet. 4: 17. Now, then, what does prohibition demand? It demands the liberty of living in a society where no man shall be protected in evil-doing, where nothing that wars with public good shall be licensed by statute; where drunkenness and all the crimes to which it leads, where all the haunts of the drunkard, and all the apparatus for him shall be utterly and forever put out of the way.

Respectfully,

C. W. SMITH.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The State Board has published a plan looking to the more effectual organization of Sabbath Schools in the State through reports from all Sabbath Schools to the Association; therefore

Resolved, That each Sabbath School in the Association be required to report to the next Association number of pupils, name of Superintendent, number of teachers, post-office of Superintendent, contributions, and to send one delegate from each school to the next Association for the purpose of organizing an Associational Sabbath School Institute.

On motion, the following Executive Committee were appointed: Amaziah—J. L. Byers; Abbeville—J. L. Furguson; Bay Spring—J. H. Fuller; Bethel (U. C.)—John Robbins; Bethel (L. C.)—W. S. Wooten; Bluff Springs—A. N. Singleton; Cherry Creek—N. M. Berry; Cypress Creek—P. F. Goolsby; Duncan Creek—W. B. Dickson; Friendship—W. L. Souter; Fredonia—J. M. McCraw; Liberty—B. J. Caldwell; Mt. Pisgah—A. D. Hale; Midway—K. C. Morgan; Macedonia—S. Darden; Myrtle—Jesse Coltharp; New Albany—J. C. Robbins; New Hope—G. W. Sibley; New Prospect—Wiley Robbins; Oak Grove—J. H. Dodds; Old Oak Grove—W. Gillen; Poplar Springs—J. D. Hughes; Pleasant Hill—J. B. Robbins; Philadelphia—J. W. Adams; Piney Grove—J. H. Rhea; Pleasant Dale—Joe Sullivan; Salem—J. H. Morgan; Shady Grove—E. V. Seals; Shiloh—G. E. Murphy; Spring Hill—W. McDaniel; Spring Creek—W. H. Mitchell; Temperance Hill—J. W. Boatwright; Tocopolia—F. M. Ferrell; Turnpike—W. J. Jeter; Union—J. L. Calfee; Zion Hill—Geo. Whittington.

The following correspondents were appointed:

Aberdeen Association—W. J. Jeter, J. B. Reed, A. J. Gains, N. M. Berry, W. P. Winter, W. L. Souter, T. J. Gorley. Calhoun—W. P. Winter, W. L. Souter, A. J. Gains. Coldwater—H. C. Blaylock, J. J. Gibson, W. R. Hancock, S. C. Darden, C. W. Smith. Judson—W. J. Jeter, J. C. McTucker.

West Judson—Isaac Smith, N. J. Weaver, B. J. Caldwell,
J. B. Suber, W. L. Souter, W. P. Winter.

Oxford—J. J. Gibson, H. D. Blaylock, E. A. Gregory.

Tippah—W. R. Farrow, W. N. Swain, Jr., J. L. Baker, W.
R. Spencer, N. M. Berry, H. D. Blaylock, S. C. Darden, G.
A. Darden, N. J. Harrell, J. H. Morgan.

Tishomingo—J. T. Pitts, D. C. M. Bigham.

Baptist State Convention—C. W. Smith, H. D. Blaylock,
W. P. Winter, J. J. Gibson, W. N. Swain, Jr., W. R. Farrow,
J. T. Brown, F. M. Ferrell.

On motion, the Constitution of the Association be printed
in the minutes of this session.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and
are hereby tendered to this church and community for our
kind reception and hospitable entertainment during the
session.

After prayer by Elder Isaac Smith, the Association ad-
journd to meet with Macedonia church on Tuesday before
the third Sabbath in September, 1891.

W. L. SOUTER, Moderator.

F. M. FERRELL, Clerk.

I am requested to ask the churches to instruct their dele-
gates to the Association to attend, expecting to remain four
days.—CLERK.

Will the churches in their letters, name their ordained
and licensed ministers and the amount of work or contribu-
tions made by sisters, separate from that of the brethren.—
CLERK.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

ORDAINED.

J. R. BLACK.....	Ecu.
R. M. BELL.....	Toccopola.
D. C. M. BIGHAM.....	Cherry Creek.
W. R. FARROW.....	Walton.
F. M. FERRELL.....	Toccopola.
J. L. FERGUSON.....	Abbeville.
A. J. GAINES.....	Waterford.
J. J. GIBSON.....	Tula.
W. C. GILLEN.....	Cornersville.
T. J. GORLEY.....	Randolph.
W. J. JETER.....	Pontotoc.

H. L. KIDD	Thaxton.
L. G. LEGGETTE	
E. C. MAHAN	Thaxton.
W. H. MILLER	Toccopola.
J. H. MORGAN	Bethlehem.
W. L. MULLIN	Dallas.
G. E. MURPHY	Lafayette Springs.
J. T. PITTS	Cherry Creek.
G. W. POTTER	Blue Mountain.
G. J. ROBBINS	Esperanza.
D. E. ROBERTSON	Mud Creek.
W. A. ROGERS	Pontotoc.
J. P. ROGERS	Waterford.
G. W. RILEY	Myrtle.
ISAAC SMITH	Wallerville.
C. W. SMITH	Darden.
S. M. STEWART	New Albany.
J. R. SUMNER	Wallerville.
W. N. SWAIN, SR.	Darden.
W. N. SWAIN, JR.	Darden.
J. L. C. VANN	Abbeville.
F. M. VINES	Lafayette Springs.
P. P. WATTS	Dallas.
N. J. WEAVER	Pontotoc.
W. P. WINTER	Denmark.

LICENTIATES.

W. J. BALL	Fairview.
J. L. CALFEE	Dallas.
C. B. CLARK	Beulah.
S. C. DARDEN	Darden.
R. R. PURVIS	Oxford.
J. H. RHEA	Toccopola.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.

This Association shall be called the CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 2.

It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this Union.

ARTICLE 3.

The delegates representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association present the letters specifying their appointment, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

ARTICLE 4.

Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number 100 members, and then one for each hundred above that number.

ARTICLE 5.

Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves at one Association, will be expected to state the reason of their failure at the next, and if any church fail for three successive meetings, the Association may consider such church as dropped from its number, or shall have power to send a committee to inquire into its state, or proceed as the Association may deem most advisable.

ARTICLE 6.

New churches may be admitted into this Union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ARTICLE 7.

The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting so soon as letters from the churches are read, and members names enrolled; provided, however, that nothing in this article be so construed as to prohibit churches petitioning for union with us, from voting by their delegates for Moderator and Clerk.

ARTICLE 8.

This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of churches; it shall, however, be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may withdraw from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ARTICLE 9.

The Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches shall be at liberty to send up such funds as they may think proper, either for foreign or domestic missions, for the Bible or any other benevolent institution, and the Association appoint one or more to take charge of the same, and forward them as they may be designated, and report to the next Association.

ARTICLE 10.

Any church of this Union having a difficulty that she cannot settle, may call help from other churches, or may present the case to this body for advice; such cases must be presented in the letter of correspondence, stating the reasons why it has not, or could not be decided by the church.

ARTICLE 11.

When churches of this Union have members supposed to possess ministerial gifts "we recommend them to" call from two or more churches for the aid of their ministers and such other members as the churches may deem most suitable to examine the individuals, and if thought advisable, to authorize such a member or members to preach the gospel. Which shall be reported to the Association, and entered on the minutes.

ARTICLE 12.

Any church having a gift she deems worthy of ordination,

shall call a Presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work; and all Presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, or in constituting churches, shall be governed by the Abstract of Principles of this Association.

ARTICLE 13.

This Association may correspond by letters and delegates with the Baptist Convention of this State, and with such Associations as she may deem most conducive to the general interest of Zion.

ARTICLE 14.

The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the session rises; no Association shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

Rules of Decorum.

ARTICLE 1.—The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2.—The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

ART. 3.—The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4.—The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he arises to speak, he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

ART. 5.—All questions brought before the Association, shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. 6.—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or make personal reflections.

ART. 7.—No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had opportunity.

nity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. 8.—Every subject introduced for discussion, shall be first decided upon before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9.—The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of members present, except in reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of churches without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

ART. 10.—The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 11.—The appellation of brother shall be used in addressing each other.

ART. 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reprovod by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. 13.—Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

The Union meeting of the Second District will meet with Piney Grove Church, Pontotoc county, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August, 1891.

Elder G. E. Murphy to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder F. M. Ferrell, alternate; Elder F. M. Vines to preach a sermon appropriate to the ministers and deacons. Second Day, at 11 o'clock A. M. The following programme was adopted for said meeting.

ESSAYS.

First—What social liberties are church members entitled to? J. L. Calfee.

Second—Church Discipline—J. W. Boatright.

Third—Origin of the Baptist Church in America.—G. E. Murphy.

QUERIES.

First—Was the wine used at the Lord's Supper fermented?

Second—What was the rock spoken of in Matthew 16:18 verse.

Third how should a church receive an application for membership of a person who has been excluded from another church?

J. L. FURGUSON, Moderator.

A. N. SINGLETON, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTOR.	Time of Meeting.	ADDITIONS.			DIMINUTION.			Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Mississippi College and Education.	Church Building.	Incidental.	Total.	LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETIES AND SUN BEAMS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
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